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URGENT 7-16-63 12-01 AM TED

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MIAMI

FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS

AMOS WRIGHT, [redacted] ITAR - MURDER, FRANK LANG QUOTE "LEFTY" UNQUOTE ROSENTHAL - VICTIM.

RE MIAMI TELETYPE SEVEN SIXTEEN.

AIRLINE CHECK REVEALS NO TWELVE O-CLOCK FLIGHT FROM ST. LOUIS TO MIAMI. NO RESERVATIONS IN NAME OF [redacted] ABOARD FLIGHTS DEPARTING NEAR TWELVE O-CLOCK.

IN VIEW LIMITED DESCRIPTION UNABLE TO IDENTIFY [redacted] [redacted] THRU POLICE OR OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES.

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July 17, 1963

1 - Mr. Conley
1 - Mr. Baker

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To: SAC, Miami

From: Director, FBI

AMOS WRIGHT
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FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL - VICTIM
ITAR - EXTORTION

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Reurtel July 16, 1963, captioned, "Amos Wright, [redacted], ITAR - Murder, Frank Lang "Lefty" Rosenthal - Victim."

Rosenthal should be thoroughly interviewed regarding threatening calls he claims to have received from subject Wright in order to determine whether ITAR - Extortion violation on the part of Wright exists. During interview, ascertain whether Rosenthal has, in the past, or currently furnishes, Wright with the "line."

1 - Indianapolis (Info.)

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NOTE: Reairtel advises unknown male telephoned apartment residence of Rosenthal and advised apartment manager that [redacted] was given $2,000 by man known as Wright to kill Rosenthal. Rosenthal interviewed and advised he knows Amos Wright in Rockport, Indiana, and that Rosenthal received several threatening calls from Wright. Rosenthal claims he does not know reason for Wright's threatening conduct.

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URGENT 7-16-63 8-11 PM EST RGT

TO DIRECTOR AND SACS ST . LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS

FROM SAC, MIAMI 2 P

AMOS WRIGHT, [redacted] ITAR DASH MURDER, FRANK LANG QUOTE LEFTY UNQUOTE ROSENTHAL DASH VICTIM.

ON JULY FIFTEEN A PHONE CALL ALLEGEDLY MADE FROM ST. LOUIS, MO., TO BEAUX ARTS APARTMENTS, NORTH BAY VILLAGE, FLA., PHONE PLAZA SEVEN DASH THREE THREE ONE ONE. CALL RECEIVED BY [redacted] UNKNOWN MALE CALLER STATED [redacted] WAS GIVEN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS BY MAN KNOWN AS WRIGHT IN INDIANAPOLIS TO KILL FRANK QUOTE LEFTY UNQUOTE ROSENTHAL. CALLER SAID [redacted] LEAVING FROM PLACE UNKNOWN AT TWELVE O-CLOCK FOR MIAMI INSTANT DATE. FRANK ROSENTHAL SAID HE KNOWS AMOS WRIGHT ROCKPORT, INDIANA, MI NINE DASH TWO SIX SEVEN SIX. ROSENTHAL IN RECEIPT SEVERAL THREATENING CALLS FROM WRIGHT.

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ROSENTHAL DESCRIBED WRIGHT AS WHITE MALE FIVE FT. TEN INCHES, MEDIUM BUILD, DARK HAIR, COMBED STRAIGHT BACK. ROSENTHAL SAID WRIGHT MIGHT BE CONNECTED WITH GAMBLING INTERESTS, BUT DOES NOT KNOW REASON FOR WRIGHT-S THREATENING CONDUCT. NORTH BAY VILLAGE PD AND METRO AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. ADVISED ROSENTHAL THEY WILL NOT PROVIDE PHYSICAL PROTECTION.

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MIAMI INDICES NEGATIVE RE [redacted] AND WRIGHT, ROSENTHAL SUBJECT ITWI CASE MIAMI ORIGIN.

INDIANAPOLIS IDENTIFY WRIGHT AND FURNISH BACKGROUND INFO.

ST. LOUIS ATTEMPT IDENTIFY [redacted] AND FURNISH BACKGROUND INFO.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

FD-36 (Rev. 12-13-56)

FBI

Date: 7/22/63

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (166-156) (P)

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RE: AMOS WRIGHT;
[redacted]
FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL - VICTIM
ITAR - EXTORTION

Re Indianapolis tel to Miami, dated 7/16/63 and Bureau airtel to Miami, dated 7/17/63.

It is noted in Indianapolis airtel to Jacksonville, dated 5/13/60 (Indianapolis file 92-NEW) that AMOS WRIGHT, while in Miami in 1960, lost a considerable amount of money in gambling activities. ROSENTHAL on 7/18/63 denied that he owed or is trying to collect any money from WRIGHT. ROSENTHAL will not indicate the nature of the dispute between himself and WRIGHT and further denied knowing or associating with CHARLES STINNETT, aka"Charley Potatoes," who was thought to be in Rockport, Indiana, shortly after WRIGHT's return to Indianapolis in 1960.

INDIANAPOLIS:

AT ROCKPORT, INDIANA

(1) Will interview AMOS WRIGHT for full particulars of his association with FRANK ROSENTHAL which presumably began five years ago in Chicago and continued with a meeting of ROSENTHAL and WRIGHT in Miami in 1960.

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(2) Will attempt to ascertain the significance of phone calls made to ROSENTHAL by WRIGHT in the last eight weeks. These calls have been of a threatening nature according to ROSENTHAL.

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(3) Will attempt an interview with WRIGHT to identify [redacted] who allegedly was paid $2,000.00 by WRIGHT to "knock off" ROSENTHAL.

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Date: 9/9/63

Transmit the following in A I R T E L
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Via A I R M A I L
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (166-775)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (166-156) (P)

AMOS WRIGHT;
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FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL - VICTIM
ITAR - EXTORTION

Re Bureau airtel to Miami dated 7/17/63; Miami airtel to Bureau dated 7/22/63; Bureau ~~letter~~ 0-1 to Miami dated 9/3/63.

FRANK ROSENTHAL, 8000 West Drive, North Bay Village, Fla., was interviewed on 8/14/63, and stated that he had heard nothing more from or about AMOS WRIGHT concerning the threat on his life. ROSENTHAL emphatically denied furnishing the "line" to WRIGHT or conducting any business with him.

Further investigation by this division is being held in abeyance until results of interview with AMOS WRIGHT are received.

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INDIANAPOLIS

AT ROCKPORT, INDIANA

Will expedite lead set out in Miami airtel to Bureau dated 7/22/63, in order that this investigation can be brought to a logical conclusion.

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To: SACs, Indianapolis (166-76)
Miami (166-156)

From: Director, FBI (166-775)

ALOS WRIGHT;
[redacted]
FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL - VICTIM
ITAR - EXTORTION

Re Miami airtel, 9-9-63.

Indianapolis expedite leads previously furnished by Miami and promptly submit results to Miami Office.

Miami surep upon receipt of results of investigation conducted at Indianapolis.

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FD-263 (Rev. 5-1-59)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MIAMI	MIAMI	10/2/63	7/16 - 9/11/63

TITLE OF CASE

AMOS WRIGHT; [redacted]
FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TYPED BY rmb6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

ITAR - EXTORTION

REFERENCES

Miami teletype to Bureau, 7/16/63.
Indianapolis teletype to Miami, 7/16/63.
St. Louis teletype to Bureau, 7/16/63.
Bureau airtel to Miami, 7/17/63.
Miami airtel to Bureau, 7/22/63.
Miami airtel to Bureau, 9/9/63.
Indianapolis airtel to Miami, 9/13/63.
Bureau airtel to Miami, 9/25/63.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On 8/21/63, SA ROBERT L. BRANNON contacted [redacted] Retail Credit Corporation (protect identity) at Evansville, Indiana. He advised that AMOS WRIGHT, during July, 1963, had attempted to purchase a $100,000 life insurance policy from Prudential Life Insurance Company, as a result of which request for investigation by Retail Credit Corporation was received.

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APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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[redacted] said that their files reflect that in December, 1961, WRIGHT had purchased a $100,000 life insurance policy from Consumers Life Insurance Company, Evansville, Indiana, which policy had been accepted and was actually reinsured with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. [redacted] said information had been received from [redacted] and [redacted] in the bank at Grandview, Indiana, indicating WRIGHT is connected with a gambling syndicate in Chicago, Illinois, and Florida, and is involved in off-track betting, football and basketball betting. WRIGHT was supposed to be operating as a courier for the syndicate, transporting large sums of money about the country and in 1960 was supposed to have been duped of $69,000 of syndicate funds while in Florida. b6 b7C

In order to make this money good, WRIGHT had borrowed from relatives (names unknown) and a bank at Nashville, Tennessee, which bank had brought suit against WRIGHT to collect this money, probably at Rockport, Indiana. WRIGHT filed a counter-suit against the bank, and the case is still pending as far as [redacted] knows. [redacted] said that at the time WRIGHT filed for the $100,000 policy from Prudential, WRIGHT had reflected he had life insurance in the effect at that time in the amount of $145,650.

A review of Indianapolis file 162-420 entitled, "UNSUBS; Loss of $200,000 to $300,000 by A. P. WRIGHT, Rockport, Indiana, IGA" reflects the following information:

On 6/7/62, Chief of Police VERNIE BIDWELL, Owensboro, Kentucky, advised SA EDGAR C. FOREST that [redacted] Farmers Elevators, Inc., 1440 West 7th Street, Owensboro, had told him of a gambling operation which he thought would be of interest to this office. He arranged an interview with [redacted] this same date. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] requested that his identity be kept confidential. He said that he does business with several customers in the Rockport, Indiana, area and noted that one of the biggest farmers in that area was SHELBY WRIGHT. SHELBY WRIGHT is now elderly and some time ago retired, leaving the management of the farm business to his son, A. P. WRIGHT. A. P.

WRIGHT is a man in his 50's, and he is a gambler. He said that about six months ago, A. P. WRIGHT was in debt to some gamblers unknown to [redacted] for around $300,000. He reportedly made a trip to Florida to make some arrangements about this debt and was kept in a hotel by "the syndicate" while he telephoned and made arrangements to raise some $200,000. This was accomplished, and A. P. WRIGHT returned to Rockport.

[redacted] has received some of his information from a man named [redacted] (phonetic), who runs a [redacted] store on the outskirts of Rockport, Indiana, on Route 66. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said that about three weeks ago he went to call on A. P. WRIGHT on business and while there three men came to the office. He said they were "rough looking" and were travelling in a Cadillac with Florida license. A. P. WRIGHT was not at the office at the time, and the men left the message that the men A. P. was to see that day would be back at 1:30 p.m.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any additional information.

On 7/13/62, AMOS P. WRIGHT, JR., Hatfield Road, Rockport, Indiana, advised SA WALTER A. SCOTT as follows:

He has not been in Florida for the last four years. He specifically denied ever owing anyone $200,000 to $300,000 stemming from a gambling debt. WRIGHT advised at one time over a six month period he lost about $20,000 on horse races through a bookie, and the local residents have since multiplied this amount many times in telling and retelling their neighbors and friends. WRIGHT stated he has never been coerced into paying a gambling debt. He stated he felt if a man lost money gambling he had a moral obligation to pay the debt. WRIGHT admitted he was visited by two men in Florida the latter part of April, 1962, but stated, however, it did not involve any gambling debt but was merely a business transaction concerning his feed and seed company. He advised he was unable to furnish any further information concerning his allegedly losing $200,000 to $300,000 to gamblers in Florida.

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A review of this file reflects that all logical investigative leads have been covered and that the results failed to reflect any substantial indications that subject engaged in an activity in violation of a substantive statute. This case is being closed in the Miami Division subject to being re-opened if other information should be received concerning activities between AMOS WRIGHT and FRANK ROSENTHAL.

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Miami, Florida

Report of: [redacted] Office: Miami, Florida
Date: October 2, 1963

Field Office File No.: 166-156 Bureau File No.: 166-775

Title: AMOS WRIGHT [redacted]
FRANK LANG "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL - VICTIM

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Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION IN AID OF RACKETEERING - EXTORTION

Synopsis:

On 7/15/63, a phone call allegedly made from St. Louis, Mo., to Beaux Arts Apartments, North Bay Village, Fla. Caller stated [redacted] was paid $2,000 by a man named WRIGHT in Indiana to kill FRANK ROSENTHAL. On 7/16/63 ROSENTHAL admitted knowing AMOS WRIGHT, Rockport, Ind., and receiving from WRIGHT several threatening phone calls in recent weeks. ROSENTHAL did not know the nature of WRIGHT's threats. On 8/14/63, ROSENTHAL said he had heard nothing more from WRIGHT and denied furnishing the "line" to WRIGHT or conducting any business with him. On 9/11/63, AMOS WRIGHT, Rockport, Ind., said he has not called ROSENTHAL by telephone or communicated with him in the last two years. WRIGHT said he did not know anyone by the name of [redacted]

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DETAILS:

At Miami, Florida:

This investigation is predicated upon information received on July 16, 1963, from [redacted] Beaux Arts Apartments, 8000 West Drive, North Bay Village, Florida. [redacted] related to Special Agent [redacted] that he had received a phone call the previous day from an unknown male allegedly calling from St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that

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[redacted] had been given $2,000 by a man named WRIGHT in Indiana to "knock off" "LEFTY" ROSENTHAL. He said that his brother was leaving from a place unknown for Miami at 12 o'clock. The caller described [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that he had contacted ROSENTHAL concerning this call and that the North Bay Village Police Department and the Dade County Department of Public Safety had also been contacted.

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.

Date July 22, 1963

FRANK ROSENTHAL, 8000 West Drive, North Bay Village, Florida, was interviewed at 3601 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida. He was advised that he did not have to make any statement and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was further advised of his right to an attorney and the fact that no threats, promises, or inducements would be made during the course of the interview.

ROSENTHAL related that he was called by [redacted], [redacted] of the Beaux Arts Apartments on July 15, 1963. [redacted] told him that he had received a call from an unknown male allegedly from St. Louis, Missouri, to the effect that [redacted] was coming down to Miami to kill ROSENTHAL. The unknown caller described [redacted] According to ROSENTHAL, the unknown caller told [redacted] that [redacted] had been given $2,000.00 by a man in Indiana known as WRIGHT. The caller did not know where [redacted] was but believed he was leaving for Miami at 12:00. b6 b7C

ROSENTHAL stated that he had met AMOS WRIGHT of Rockport, Indiana, about five years ago in a night spot in Chicago. He further stated that about two years ago WRIGHT was in the Miami area on a vacation, and they did visit although he does not consider him a close friend, merely an acquaintance.

Since the time of WRIGHT's visit, ROSENTHAL said he had received several phone calls from WRIGHT; several of which were just general inquiries as to the well being of ROSENTHAL and his wife. About two months ago, ROSENTHAL received a call from WRIGHT, at which time WRIGHT was rather belligerent on the phone and ROSENTHAL asked him what his grievance was.

WRIGHT told him, "You know what I'm talking about." ROSENTHAL said this discussion went back and forth on the phone with no conclusions being drawn by him as to what was bothering WRIGHT.

On 7/16/63 at Miami, Florida File # Miami 166-156 Miami 165-28

by SA [redacted] jgm/rm Date dictated 7/18/63

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About the first part of June, 1963, ROSENTHAL stated that he received a call from WRIGHT about midnight at the Beaux Arts Apartments. He said that WRIGHT does not know his home phone number so the call came in on a pay station at the Beaux Arts Apartments. ROSENTHAL said that WRIGHT, by his conversation, appeared to be drunk. He was very belligerent on the phone and made a remark to the effect, "You don't think I have any guts, do you "LEFTY"?" ROSENTHAL answered him in the negative, and to that WRIGHT said, "You will see what I will do." ROSENTHAL again asked him what his grievance was about and if he had one, to settle it like a man and to come down here to Miami. WRIGHT's answer to this was, "You'll hear from me shortly, and we'll see who's scared." ROSENTHAL said at this time WRIGHT made several insulting remarks which incensed him, and he hung up the phone.

ROSENTHAL was asked what would prompt these threatening phone calls and if there is anything between the two insofar as gambling debts. ROSENTHAL said that he did not know what was on WRIGHT's mind and there were no gambling debts either owed to him or by him involving WRIGHT.

ROSENTHAL described WRIGHT as a white male, 5'10", medium build, dark hair combed straight back. ROSENTHAL believed that WRIGHT was a well-to-do farmer, and he considered him to be a "nut."

At St. Louis, Missouri:

On July 16, 1963, investigation conducted reflected that there were no airline reservations from St. Louis to Miami on July 15, 1963, in the name of [redacted] on flights departing near 12 o'clock.

Efforts to identify [redacted] were unsuccessful in view of limited background description. b6 b7C

At Rockport, Indiana:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

On July 17, 1963, CLEMENT BAUMEISTER, Chief of Police, Police Department, Rockport, Indiana, stated he had known AMOS P. WRIGHT since 1957 when he, BAUMEISTER, became Chief of Police. He stated that WRIGHT owns and operates the Wright Seed Company located at Rockport, Indiana. He described WRIGHT as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 49 or 50
Marital status	Married, with two children, ages 20 and 22, who are presently attending Indiana University.

He said that WRIGHT's father is SHELBY WRIGHT, who is approximately 70. BAUMEISTER advised that the WRIGHT family has operated a farm in the Rockport area for at least 20 to 25 years. During 1946, the WRIGHTs opened up the Wright Seed Company, which they operate at the present time in addition to their farms.

BAUMEISTER advised that approximately two years ago he received information that AMOS P. WRIGHT had borrowed $100,000 from a bank at Tell City. In addition to this, he borrowed $200,000 from a bank in Tennessee. BAUMEISTER

advised that he received information that WRIGHT had borrowed this money in order to pay off a debt that he and [redacted] Rockport, Indiana, had acquired while they were visiting in Florida with their families during the winter of 1960 and 1961.

Chief BAUMEISTER, in addition to learning that WRIGHT had borrowed this money, received information that [redacted] father-in-law of [redacted] had allegedly given [redacted] $125,000 to make payment on this debt accrued by WRIGHT and [redacted] gambling in Florida during the winter of 1960 and 1961.

BAUMEISTER advised that during July of 1961, an individual by the name of QUILL LLOYD, who was the sheriff of Dade County, Florida, and two of his deputies came to Rockport, Indiana, in a Cadillac, which allegedly belonged to the Sheriff's Office at Dade County, Florida, allegedly in Rockport for the fair at Rockport. b6 b7C

BAUMEISTER stated that he did not have any definite proof but was of the opinion that QUILL LLOYD contacted WRIGHT and [redacted] concerning the debt they owed to the gamblers at Florida. BAUMEISTER further advised that during September of 1961, three individuals driving a 1959 or 1960 light blue Cadillac bearing Florida plates contacted A. P. WRIGHT and [redacted] concerning a large amount of money they owed gamblers in the Florida area. BAUMEISTER advised that he had received information that these individuals were hoods from Florida that had come to Rockport to secure the money that [redacted] and WRIGHT owed the gamblers.

BAUMEISTER stated that two of the individuals in the Cadillac from Florida appeared to be bodyguards, and the other was an Italian-looking individual with dark hair, 5'6", 140 pounds, very expensive clothes, and appeared to do most of the talking.

BAUMEISTER advised that the Rockport, Indiana, Police Department maintained a surveillance concerning the individuals for fear that they may murder one of the individuals at Rockport.

BAUMEISTER stated that while the three individuals were in the Rockport area, he received information from people in the area that there were several guns in the back seat of the 1959 or 1960 Cadillac that these individuals were travelling in.

BAUMEISTER stated that the same three individuals from Florida appeared in the Rockport area approximately once a month for approximately one year. He stated that the last time he had received information they were in the Rockport area was in October, 1962.

BAUMEISTER advised that to the best of his knowledge, neither WRIGHT nor [redacted] have left the Rockport, Indiana, area for an extended period of time within the last year. b6 b7C

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.

Date September 13, 1963

AMOS P. WRIGHT, owner and operator, Wrights Seed Company, Rockport, Indiana, was interviewed at his place of business. He was made aware of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was advised that he did not have to make any statement, any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law, and he had a right to an attorney. He furnished the following oral information:

WRIGHT stated that he met ROSENTHAL at a baseball game in Chicago, Illinois, approximately five or six years ago. He was unable to recall the specific circumstances of their first meeting, other than to say that the meeting was not brought about by mutual acquaintances. WRIGHT advised that his association with ROSENTHAL has been a very casual one. He stated that approximately three years ago, while he was in Miami, Florida, visiting [redacted] and staying at the Four Winds Motel in Miami, he again met ROSENTHAL. WRIGHT advised that this was the last time he actually recalls seeing ROSENTHAL. WRIGHT claimed that when he met ROSENTHAL in Miami, Florida, it was by chance, not a planned meeting.

WRIGHT said that he has not called ROSENTHAL by telephone or communicated any other way with him within the last two years. He stated he does not know the whereabouts of ROSENTHAL at the present time. WRIGHT said that he and ROSENTHAL are still on friendly terms as far as he knows, claiming that he is not indebted to ROSENTHAL, nor ROSENTHAL to him.

WRIGHT stated that he does not know anyone by the name of [redacted] or CHARLES STINNETT. b6 b7C

He advised that he had secured a loan of $65,000.00 from the Third National Bank of Nashville, Tennessee, in order to pay debts off incurred by gambling during 1960. He claimed that since that time he has done very little gambling and volunteered that he has not violated any of the new Federal laws relating to gambling.

On 9/11/63 at Rockport, Indiana File # MM 166-156 IP 166-76

SA [redacted]

by SA ROBERT L. BRANNON:jab/rm Date dictated 9/11/63

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WRIGHT further advised that he has never actually been associated with a gambling syndicate, and has never acted as a courier of money for the syndicate. He stated that the gambling debt he incurred during 1960, was related to his betting on all different types of gambling.

He advised that [redacted] the individual he visited with in Miami, Florida during 1960, is an old friend of his, who is associated with the Third National Bank of Nashville, Tennessee. WRIGHT said that [redacted] lives in Nashville, Tennessee, but travels quite frequently and he did not know where [redacted] was at the present time.

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WRIGHT stated that he has never been contacted by any touts and was unable to furnish the names of any individuals that did any touting.

WRIGHT specifically denied making any threatening calls to FRANK ROSENTHAL or of hiring [redacted] or any other individual to kill ROSENTHAL. He stated that these accusations were ridiculous as he would not have any reason for doing anything like this.

WRIGHT said it appeared that the FBI had a lot of misinformation concerning him and he was much too busy a man to be answering such ridiculous inquiries. He said that he was "just a country boy," and was not connected with gambling or criminal syndicates and has no knowledge of such activities. He said he did not wish to be impertinent but he just did not have time to discuss this matter further. He advised he would be glad to discuss specific information with the FBI at any time in the future.

At Miami, Florida:

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.

Date August 21, 1963

FRANK ROSENTHAL, 8000 West Drive, North Bay Village, Florida, was interviewed at 1090 Northeast 79th Street, Miami, Florida. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents; the fact that he did not have to make any statement, and that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law. He was further advised of his right to counsel and the fact that no threats, promises, or inducements would be made during the course of the interview.

ROSENTHAL said he had heard nothing more from or about AMOS WRIGHT concerning the threat on his life. He emphatically denied furnishing the "line" to WRIGHT or conducting any business with him.

ROSENTHAL said that the Multiple Sports News Service is presently doing business in baseball and football. He commented that the football sheets they have available for their customers provide space for the scores, quarter by quarter, and the final score, and do not indicate any point spread between the two participating teams. He did comment that the point spread on the recent Green Bay Packers - Pittsburgh Steelers Pro Football Exhibition Game which was played in Miami on August 10, 1963, was 7 points.

He stated that the football line during the regular season will be available on Monday as the work week, as they term it, runs until Sunday night, when the final pro football results are known. b6 b7C

He commented that insofar as he knows, there is no bookmaking operation going on at the Sea Gull Hotel, located on Miami Beach, Florida. He said this hotel is merely a place for the "boys" to get together and do a little visiting.

ROSENTHAL said he had read in a recent edition of a Miami newspaper the list of 24 persons who have Federal Wagering Tax Stamps. He said, to the best of his

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knowledge, none of these persons are customers of Multiple Sports News Service.

ROSENTHAL again denied knowing [redacted] and further stated he does not believe [redacted] is receiving service from Multiple Sports News Service. He would not divulge the list of customers of Multiple Sports News Service as to verify the authenticity of his remark concerning [redacted]

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